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LETTER

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit a copy of papers that have not been received in the Office in accordance with the stated procedures for "Processing of, and Requirements for, the Filing of Duplicate Applications and Papers in Patent Applications in view of USPS Mail Delays". Applicants request that this Letter be considered a petition for a filing date of October 22, 2001 under 37 CFR §1.10(e).

The original papers were submitted within the period from October 13, 2001 to December 1, 2001 using Express Mail as set forth in 37 CFR §1.10. A copy of the Express Mail receipt, date stamped October 22, 2001, is enclosed.

The original papers include (1) a complete specification (including 30 pages of specification, 6 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract, 3 pages of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney form, a 1 page Associate Power of Attorney, a 1 page Statement under 37 CFR §1.821(f), and 6 pages of Sequence Listing with

computer readable diskette); (2) a 1 page Utility Patent Application Transmittal Letter; (3) a 1 page Fee Transmittal Letter for FY 2002 which was accompanied by check number 17334 in the amount of \$1020.00 for the filing fee; (4) a 1 page Assignee Information Sheet; and (5) 3 pages of an executed Assignment accompanied by Form PTO-1595 and Fee Transmittal Letter for FY 2002 with check number 17332 in the amount of \$40.00 for recordation of the Assignment. Copies of these papers (with the exception of the postcards and checks) are enclosed.

Applicants are enclosing herewith a check in the amount of \$1020.00 for the filing fee and a check in the amount of \$40.00 for the recordation of the Assignment, and a new postcard. The Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees due to Deposit Account No. 08-3040. However, should the checks identified above be located, Applicants respectfully request that the fees for the above filing, as well as any other overpayment, be credited to Deposit Account No. 08-3040.

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